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Education

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

B.A. in Korean Flagship and Second Language Studies, May 2025

- 4.0 unweighted GPA
- Dean's List: 2021, 2022, 2023
- Focus on Second Language Studies and Korean language

University of Korea, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Flagship Overseas Program, 2023-24

- Received ACTFL scores of 3 (OPI), 3 (Reading), 2+ (Listening)
- Successfully completed program to become Certified Flagship Global Professional

Work Experience

Education First / Jan. 2025 - May 2025

Teacher's Assistant (Intern) - Honolulu, HI

- Support administration and teachers in syllabus design, lesson planning, and materials development.
- Provide classroom support by overseeing activities, facilitating discussions, and assisting with lectures.

Korean Language Flagship Center / Sept. 2024 - cur.

KLFC Office Assistant (Part Time) - Honolulu, HI

- Provide logistical support for center events to promote cultural and academic engagement at the Center for Korean Studies.
- Translate and organize student materials and internal documents.
- Guide undergraduate Korean Flagship majors in navigating program requirements and scholarship application.

Student Housing Services / Aug. 2022 - cur.

Resident Assistant (Full Time) - Honolulu, HI

- Foster the development of relationships among 30+ residents.
- Plan and implement monthly programs related to SHS's learning outcomes and academic excellence.
- Conduct administrative duties such as desk duty, maintenance requests, incident reports, and room transfers.

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Prompt Engineer (Intern) - Seoul, South Korea

- Designed prompts for natural language processing models for use in Korea language textbooks and classrooms.
- Managed multiple AI-driven projects, ensuring timely completion and quality delivery under strict deadlines and high-pressure environments.

Honors and Awards

Boren Award for International Study 2023 - 2024

- 1 of 6 undergraduate students nationwide selected for yearlong study in Seoul, South Korea.

KU-KFOP Academic Excellence Award Spring 2024

- Recognized for outstanding academic performance and dedication in the Korean Flagship Overseas Program, administered by Korea University's Korean Language Center and the Korean Language Flagship.

22nd Hangeul Great Banquet Fall 2022

- Received 1st place in Korean essay writing content.
- Awarded free round-trip ticket to Korea.

Ignite Green Ideas 2022 Fall 2022

- Received 1st place in Korean memorized speech contest related to environmental sustainability.

NSLI-Y Foreign Language Study Scholarship 2018 - 2019

- Spent two semesters in Seoul, South Korea
- Chosen participant from pool of 3000+ entries

Activities

International Student Association Spring 2022 - cur.

General Member

- Active participant in weekly meetings, language exchanges, and group outings.
- Help create a welcome space for international students and conduct election for future officers.
- Brought in three additional members in Fall 2022, 2023.

Academic Initiative Committee Fall 2022 - cur.

- Attended weekly meetings to develop an academically supportive environment on campus through trivia program preparations and Universal Study Zone.
- Conducted duties such as taking meeting minutes, designing trivia questions, and renting equipment.